



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 15, 2023

## City News

### COUNCILMEMBER PENNY COFFEY RETIRES

Mayor Frederick and Councilmembers honored Councilmember Penny Coffey at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 12. Councilmember Coffey is retiring after 20+ years of serving on DuPont City Council. Police Chief Doug Newman presented Councilmember Coffey with a Distinguished Service Medal plaque for her unparalleled public service to the City of DuPont. Staff, friends, and community members celebrated her retirement at a farewell reception on December 6. The City of DuPont thanks Councilmember Coffey for all her years of service and wishes her the best in her retirement. You will be missed Penny!



Photos below courtesy of [KateLynchPhotography.com](https://www.katelynchphotography.com)





# Parks and Recreation

## Nature & People Photography Classes

Whether you want to capture birds in flight or a beautiful scene in one of Washington's parks, your ticket to stellar images is knowing how to use your digital camera and understanding visual composition. Parks & Recreation is proud to offer a fantastic opportunity to learn the photography of people and nature this winter. Classes will be taught by professional photographers Kate Lynch and Lynsey Strader starting January 20. This would make a fantastic gift for the holidays! Registration information can be found here:

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>

## NATURE & PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

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**CLASSES:**  
January 20, 27,  
February 10, 2024

**FIELD TRIP:**  
February 3, 2024

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City of DuPont  
Parks & Recreation

## NEW YEARS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Celebrate the New Year with us!  
Bring a friend or make a new one!

**JANUARY 26, 2024 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM**

Join us for lunch, warm drinks  
and new friendships!

**\$10** Please RSVP by calling  
253-964-8121  
by Jan 22. Payment at door.

Community Center  
303 Barksdale Ave.  
DuPont, WA

### 2024 Senior Social

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26 at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (Cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](http://Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov))

### 2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here:

[Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](http://Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov))

City of DuPont  
Parks & Recreation

**Is currently seeking creative  
and talented instructors for  
classes and workshops**

We are looking for fun, energetic  
individuals who would love to teach  
classes for Parks & Recreation AND  
earn a little money while doing it!

Questions? Please contact Amy Walker at  
[awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)

*We can't wait to hear from you!*

[Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](http://Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov))



**SAVE THE DATE**

## CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

**SUMMER 2024 DATES** June 24-28  
AGES 3 - 14 July 22-26

@ DuPont  
PowderWorks Park

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DuPont, Washington



# DuPont Historical Museum

Many thanks to the Historical Society and other volunteers who helped us decorate the museum and Dynamite train this weekend. It was wonderful to welcome all of the volunteers while hosting our annual open house. Kids enjoyed arts and crafts and a special visit from Santa!

If you are looking for a holiday gift item that is unique to DuPont, look no further than the gift shop at the DuPont Museum for unique items specific to DuPont! The giftshop received a few new items for the holiday season. We now have adult socks from the company Native Northwest along with drink coasters. If you are looking for new decorations to add to your tree, we also have laser-cut wooden ornaments of various historic villages buildings. We still have Native Northwest blankets to help you stay warm for the winter. For the historian in your family we have a plethora of books that cover the history of DuPont, the Puget Sound, and the Nisqually tribe. If you would like to come in to purchase any of these, we are open Wed-Sun. Weekdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and weekends 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please note that the Museum will be closed Christmas Eve.





## MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

*Thank You!*

During the 12/12/2023 Regular Council Meeting, Mayor Frederick appointed several citizens to various municipal agencies (**shown in red below**). Please help us congratulate and thank the newly appointed, reappointed, and current Municipal Agency Commissioners. The City of DuPont appreciates their commitment to voluntarily serve as Commissioners in our community!

### Civil Service Commission

Eric Koivisto, Position 1  
Larry Wilcox, Position 2  
Ron Stewart, Position 3

### Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Penny Coffey, Elected Official/Chair  
Carol Estep, User  
Amy Walker, User  
Bedez Carter, Provider  
Chalon Burns, Provider

### Park & Recreation Commission

Shelbie Boyd, Position 1  
Christopher Fletcher, Position 2  
Mark Brinkhaus, Position 3  
Jessica Fester, Position 4  
Lee Stansfield, Position 5  
Robin Barrow, Position 6  
Kimberly Forbes, Position 7  
Larry Metzler, Alternate

### Planning Commission

**Lee Chase, Position 1 (reappointment)**  
Jugal Thakor, Position 2  
Lauren Burlison, Position 3  
**Kate Lynch, Position 4 (reappointment)**  
**John Colvin, Position 5 (reappointment)**  
Melinda Shou, Position 6  
**Jeff Foe, Position 7 (reappointment)**  
**Caroline Henry (appointment)**

### Tree Advisory Commission

**Muhammad Shaukat, Position 1 (reappointment)**  
**Kelsie Clark, Position 2 (reappointment)**  
Bridget King, Position 3  
Carol Saynisch, Position 4  
Alex Chaney, Position 5

For information on all municipal agencies in the City of DuPont, please see our website at [www.dupontwa.gov](http://www.dupontwa.gov). Click on "Government" and in the left column, click "Commissions" or follow the following link: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>.

## STATE OF THE CITY & CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

On January 9, 2024, at the Regular Council Meeting, the Mayor will address the citizens of DuPont with the State of the City. The agenda for this meeting will also include the ceremonial swearing in of the new Councilmembers, Shawna Gasak, Tom Wargo, and re-elected Councilmember Kevin Ballard and Mayor Ronald Frederick.

The meeting will be streamed on YouTube Live on the City's You Tube channel:

([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3\\_CeNJw40A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A)).



## UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following upcoming days:

- Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day.
- Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 15th, in celebration of MLK Day.



December 11, 2023  
Contact: Karri Muir  
Phone: (253) 912-5211



For Immediate Release

## **DuPont City Administrator Announces Retirement**

Mayor Ronald Frederick recently announced City Administrator Andrew Takata will retire in January. Mr. Takata will remain in his current position until a replacement is found, but his last physical day will be February 9, 2024.

In a letter to the Mayor, Takata wrote, "Serving the community is a worthwhile endeavor, and as stressful as it can be, the fulfillment you receive is indescribable. My fondest memories will be the staff I worked with and the difference they made in the lives of our residents and the Councilmembers and Mayors who serve as representatives of the community with minimal rewards for the criticism they receive. I have many great memories of community members who wanted to help in any way. Having had a great career, I look forward to my next adventure, retirement."

Mr. Takata's experience in municipal government spans more than 43 years, with over 27 years as a City Manager. In addition to his current position with the City of DuPont, he has served as City Manager for the Cities of Atascadero, Newcastle, Yucca Valley, Banning, and was the Chief of Staff District 2 Supervisor for the County of San Bernardino. He served as an Interim City Manager for the cities of Twentynine Palms and Calexico.

Some of the accomplishments of Mr. Takata during his five years with the city are the construction of the new Public Works Facility, rehabilitation of the Water Towers, the widening of the DuPont/Steilacoom Road, road overlays on Center, and a Granulated Activated Carbon Water Filtration System (commonly referred to as PFAS). During his tenure, the city received \$13,465,670.29 in grant monies. (State Grants, US Department of Transportation Road Grants, Federal CARES Act Grant, Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant (ARPA), State: Granulated Activated Carbon Grant (PFAS)).

Also, during his tenure, DuPont became the first city in Pierce County to have body cameras for police, security cameras were installed in all city parks and buildings, DuPont held its first Farmers Market, and new playground facilities were installed in the summer of 2023.

Under his leadership, the city navigated the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic, retaining all the staff and continuing the regular operations of the city. He worked towards creating a virtual City Hall and allowing residents more ways to access information and business through the Internet.

"City Administrator Takata will be greatly missed in the City of DuPont as he departs on his next life adventure. He brought a wealth of experience to the city over the past five years, which was instrumental in creating a wonderful work environment for city staff and elected officials. His competency was unsurpassed in solving issues that arise in city government, and we will miss his good humor and warm smile," said Mayor Frederick.

The City of DuPont has hired SGR Consulting Services to assist in recruiting a new City Administrator.





AUGUST 2023

# I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

## Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

## What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

## Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT\\_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/WSDOT](https://facebook.com/WSDOT)

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: [wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements](https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements)



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: [wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/](https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/)

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**Title VI Notice to Public:** It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

## WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

### Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

### WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

### YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>





## STEILACOOM HISTORICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE**

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**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR  
SHEF 30th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP!**  
This special scholarship will be funded fully by YOU  
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**Join us in a celebration of 30 years of impact and  
to support a Steilacoom HS Graduating Senior.**



Join us with a gift of \$30, \$130 or whatever you feel comfortable giving. Please select the Anniversary Scholarship in the donation process. To donate: Scan the QR code, go to our website [Shefonline.com](https://shefonline.com) and scroll down to the donate button on the home page or send a check. Thank you for your support!  
SHEF, P.O. Box 88576, Steilacoom, WA 98388. Please contact [SHEFinfo@gmail.com](mailto:SHEFinfo@gmail.com) with any questions.



SHEF is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to encouraging and enabling excellence in education in the schools of the Steilacoom Historical School District. The Steilacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event/information and the district assumes no responsibility for it.

# DuPont Fire Department

**Response Information:** The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			4
(11) Structure Fire			5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			7
(14) Natural vegetation fire			11
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		13	589
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries			38
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other			54
(51) Person in distress		1	13
(52) Water Problem			1
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1	2
(55) Public service assistance		1	37
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			10
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		2	49
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			18
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			4
(73) System or detector malfunction			31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)			20
(91) Citizen complaint			2
Unknown			0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>945</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	121
Mary Bridge	1	65
St. Clare	4	128
St. Joseph	1	42
St. Peters		12
Tacoma General		18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>387</b>

<b>ALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>399</b>
<b>BLS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>226</b>

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	201
0800-1649	11	449
1700-2359	3	295
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>945</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	109
Monday	2	110
Tuesday	7	139
Wednesday	3	170
Thursday	2	163
Friday	1	134
Saturday	1	120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>945</b>

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	70
DPF Provided	1	55
Multiple Calls	5	114

## Safety Message - Christmas Light Safety - 16 Tips to Avoid a Decorations Disaster

Christmas lights can pose a serious hazard inside and outside your home. Here's how to prevent fire and other potential problems.

- Replace missing or broken bulbs.
- Use the right ladder.
- Pick the right kind of light.
- Look for the UL seal.
- Choose the right cord indoor/outdoor.
- Keep the cord dry.
- Prevent tripping hazards.
- Don't make your lights a year-long attraction.
- Don't overload the outlets.
- Don't extent strands more than the manufacturers recommendation.
- Don't put cords through doors and windows.
- Never use staples, tacks, or nails to hang lights.







## Sparky's<sup>®</sup> Snow Globe

Can you spot the  
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the two snow globes?



1. Tree is missing star
2. It is snowing less
3. Sparky's visor is missing
4. Sparky's scarf changed color
5. Sparky's ear is missing a spot
6. Boy's sweatshirt has a snowflake
7. Boy's shoe laces are missing
8. Boy has a snowman's mouth
9. Girl is holding candy cane
10. Girl's coat is missing 2 buttons
11. Girl's hat has a pom-pom
12. There's a present under the tree!

*Chuswa*

THE NAME AND IMAGE OF SPARKY ARE TRADEMARKS OF THE NFPA.

# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 12/04/23 – 12/10/23: 97  
Average per day: 13.86

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 12 Agency Assist
- 03 Citizen Assist
- 02 Civil Issue
- 05 Community Oriented Policing
- 02 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 03 DUI - unable to contact/unfounded
- 01 Extortion - Civil
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 02 Subject Stop
- 04 Suspicious Vehicle
- 01 Unwanted Person
- 08 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 01 Theft
- 01 Stolen Vehicle Recovery

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Fraud/Forgery



### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- A DuPont officer assisted with the collection of toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Toy Drive.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers participated in ongoing training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

### **\*\*\*HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SCAM AWARENESS\*\*\***

Please take a moment to watch this important public safety message from our friends at the Pinole Police Department. While we have received no specific reports of the scam within DuPont, it is still a great tip to know while you are shopping for gifts during this holiday season.

<https://www.facebook.com/100064877792731/posts/772196184952968/?mibextid=I2hJJHjNVOBSwHk4>

### REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
  - To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
  - If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060
- If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at [Police@dupontwa.gov](mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov) or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

### DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



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# City Council and Calendars

## December 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting overview:

- Tax Comparison –Residential vs. commercial presentation.
- Appointments for Agency members.
- Resolution No. 23-022 2024 Approving Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Funding Agreements, Part A.
- Resolution No. 23-023 Approving the DuPont Professional Firefighters Local #3829, 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Resolution No. 23-024 Approving an amendment to the Pierce County Evidence Contract.
- Business Grant Requirements.
- Ordinance No. 23-1135 Approving the Third Quarter 2023 Budget Amendment.
- Ordinance No. 23-1136 Approving the 2024 Mid-Biennium review.



## Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:  
City's YouTube channel: ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3\\_CeNJw40A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A)).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



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Agenda**



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
12/25/2023		City Hall CLOSED
12/26/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting—CANCELED
1/1/2024		City Hall CLOSED
1/8/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
1/8/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
1/9/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
1/9/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
1/15/2024		City Hall CLOSED
1/23/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
1/20/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 1	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes">https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes</a>
1/20/2024	People Photography Class - Part 1	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes">https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes</a>
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>

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